Phascolonus

Phascolonus was a genus of prehistoric Australian marsupials in the wombat family. The largest species, *Phascolonus gigas*, weighed as much as 200 kg (450 lb).[2] *Phascolonus* existed alongside an even larger marsupial, *Diprotodon*, which weighed as much as three tons and was distantly related to wombats.[3] Both disappeared at the end of the Late Pleistocene in a Quaternary extinction event together with many other large Australian animals.

The digital restoration of *Phascolonus*

At Tea Tree Cave, a two-million-year-old *Phascolonus* fossil was found alongside that of the crocodilian *Quinkana*.[4]

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Scientific classification	
Kingdom:	Animalia
Phylum:	Chordata
Class:	Mammalia
Infraclass:	Marsupialia
Order:	Diprotodontia
Family:	Vombatidae
Genus:	†*Phascolonus* Owen, 1872
Species	
▪ *P. gigas* (Owen, 1859) ▪ *P. lemleyi* (Archer & Wade, 1976)[1]	

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